

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Specification as follows.

[0012] The data transfer network 118 comprises a Service Access Point (SAP) 110 that can be linked to the data transfer device 100 over a first data transfer connection ~~102~~106. The service access point 110 forms what is known as an Access Zone (AZ, also known as a Hotspot) in an office, university campus area, hotel or airport, for example, where local area network connections are being offered to users. Users of portable computers, for example, can thus be provided with a fast broadband service via the access zone. In addition, the data transfer network 118 comprises an authentication server 114 connected to the service access point 110 over a second data transfer connection.